



20/11/20
Issue 3



THEME

We are now beginning to start our Winter/Christmas theme and are busily preparing for our Christmas Nativity.

CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 13th November the staff and children all wore "Pyjamas for Pudsey" for a donation of £1.00 per person. We also sold the Pudsey merchandise we had left from previous years and collected coins all week. Thank you to all those who donated. Even though the new merchandise did not arrive in time we still managed to raise £1211.57 which is amazing! Thank you so much.



IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF...

If your child is absent please phone on the first day of absence and leave a message when prompted. Please state the following:

- your child's name
- reason for being off

As a school nursery, we need to report absences to the Department for Education daily along with the reason for absence.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th December
Jolly Jumper Day (see next page)

Friday 18th December
Christmas Parties - AM & PM
Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January
Return to Nursery

Friday 15th January
Primary School Admission closes - please ensure you apply before this date

APPLYING FOR RECEPTION 2021 PLACE

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you must apply for their reception school place for September 2021.

The applications opened on Monday 2nd November and you must apply before 15th January 2021.

Check out our website for virtual tours of the school.

Please check these out by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.grahamjamesacademy.co.uk/>

Please share with friends and family who are looking at prospective schools for next year

PARKING

There is no parking on the school grounds. We have had reports of Nursery parents parking in the disabled bay. Please note this is only for disabled badge holders. If you need to drive your child to school please park in the town centre car park.

JOLLY JUMPER DAY

On Wednesday 16th December we will be taking part in Jolly Jumper Day. Your child can come to Nursery wearing a Christmas jumper if they have one. There is no need to purchase one if you do not have one though.

Children do not have to wear uniform but we ask that they do not wear football kits.

We are asking for a suggested donation of £1.00 per child for wearing non uniform and this money will go to Basildon Hospital.

One of our pupils, Amelia, became unwell in 2018 and after a blood test at Basildon hospital she was quickly called back to hospital and transferred to Great Ormond Street Hospital. She was diagnosed with Leukaemia and has spent the last two years having treatment at both hospitals. Anytime she feels unwell, she is transferred to Basildon and spends time in the apartment room for children like her. This means she cannot go into main children's play area and can only use what is available in this room.

The money raised will be used to buy a Nintendo switch and games for children with Cancer that will often have to spend up to a week in this apartment.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Nursery Christmas party will take place on the morning and afternoon of Friday 18th December.

There will be a morning and afternoon party.

Invitations will be given out soon. Please check invitation to see if your child has been invited to the AM or PM party.

Party clothes can be worn on this day (this applies to Nursery children only).

Party food will be provided so a packed lunch is not required on this day.

LUNCH

Please provide a drink for your child if they are having a packed lunch.

Reminder - no Nutella, peanut butter or sweets please.



The PTA has set up a wish list on behalf of the school with various items, including books, needed for the school during these current times where many items need to be isolated for 72 hours. Keep checking the link below for new items added to the school wishlist:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HNVDFVYED9SS?ref=wl_share

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As Christmas is fast approaching, we are busily preparing many Christmas activities for the Nursery children. I am sure you can appreciate it is very difficult to ensure that every child takes part in all the activities available, especially when they only attend one or two sessions a week.

We will still be going ahead with our traditional nativity performances but unfortunately, we are unable to invite you in to watch this. However, we will make an internal recording of the Nursery performances for you to purchase in the form of a memory stick for a small charge.

There will be two performances, the first on the morning of Wednesday 9th December and the second will be the afternoon of the 10th December. If your child does not attend on either of these days, please do not worry, as your child will be invited to join us for one of these sessions.